

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:

5 a case accommodating a photosensitive recording medium and having an opening for exposing said photosensitive recording medium; and

a print head having a lens for converging light and serving for illuminating said photosensitive recording medium with light;

10 wherein said print head movable relative to said case in the secondary scanning direction; and

wherein said print head is provided with a projection which is offset in the secondary scanning direction with respect to said lens, the projection
15 protruding beyond said lens toward said photosensitive recording medium and abutting against said photosensitive recording medium.

2. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1,
20 wherein said case has a pair of side walls positioned on both sides of said photosensitive recording medium in the secondary scanning direction, one of said pair of side walls being formed with an ejection orifice for ejecting said photosensitive recording medium to outside, and

25 wherein said projection is disposed opposite said ejection orifice across said lens.

3. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said photosensitive recording medium has an air
vent for releasing inside air, and

wherein said projection has a notch for avoiding
5 interference with said air vent.

4. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein a size of said projection in a primary scanning
direction is less than a size of said opening of said
10 case in the primary scanning direction and no less than a
size of the image recording region of said photosensitive
recording medium in the primary scanning direction.

5. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1,
15 wherein said lens and said projection are disposed
adjacent to each other in the secondary scanning
direction.

6. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1,
20 further comprising a support member for supporting said
lens,

wherein said projection is formed integrally with
said support member.

25 7. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1,
further comprising a support member having a slit for
inserting said lens and a recess connected to the slit,

and a supplementary member separate from the support member, wherein when one part of said supplementary member is inserted into said recess, another part of said supplementary member constitutes said projection.

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8. The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a lens holder for surrounding and supporting said lens, said lens holder being inserted into said slit,

10 wherein said supplementary member abuts against said lens holder.

9. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a transparent member for covering a
15 light exit surface of said lens,

wherein said projection is provided at said transparent member.

10. The image forming apparatus according to claim 9,
20 further comprising a lens holder for surrounding and supporting said lens, said lens holder is inserted into said slit,

wherein said transparent member abuts against said lens holder.